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REMARKS

Reconsideration and Allowance in view of the forgoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

By this amendment, claims 1-21 remain pending, no claims having been amended and claims 22 and 23 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Rejection of Claims 1, 10 and 13

On page 2 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 10 and 13 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1, 12 and 15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,812,939. Applicants are submitting a terminal disclaimer, with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,812,939, to obviate the rejection. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1, 10 and 13 be withdrawn.

New Claims 22 and 23

On pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 22 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over published U.S. Patent Application 2002/0000995 to Sawada et al. ("Sawada") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,483,631 to Nagai et al. ("Nagai"). Applicants canceled claims 22 and 23, thereby making the rejection moot. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 22 and 23 be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

Having addressed all rejections, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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